

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

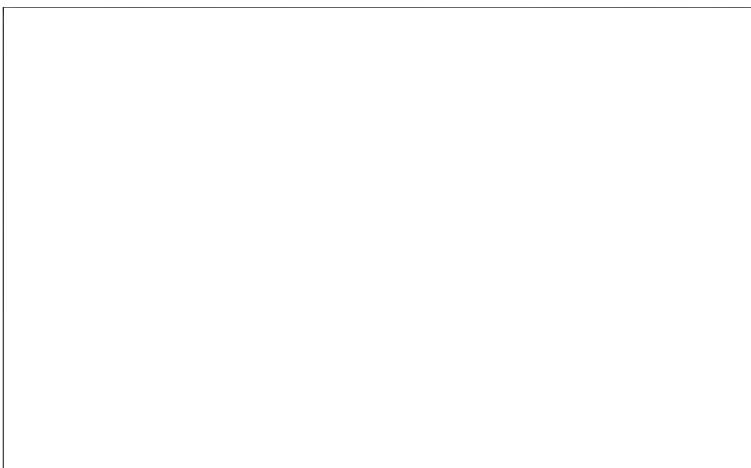
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LATE ITEM

USSR-Cuba

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1. Cuba--
missile
sites

a. Yesterday's photography shows the offensive missile sites being closed down and the equipment removed.

b. The missiles and basic launching equipment have been removed from all of the MRBM launch areas; camouflage has been taken down, and support vehicles are assembled for movement.

c. Construction at the IRBM sites has stopped, and some of the installations at Guanajay have been destroyed. Work on the probable nuclear warhead bunkers has also ceased.

d. Further progress was noted, however, in assembly of IL-28 bombers at San Julian airfield.

2. Cuba

a. Both Castro and his speech last night were below par.

b. Castro was nervous and hesitant during the major part of the talk devoted to reading from a transcript of his meetings with U Thant and to rationalizing the removal of the missile bases.

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c. He acknowledged that the Soviet decision to remove the strategic missiles "gave us some reason for discontent." But, he said, Cuba respected the decision "since these weapons were not under our command." He added, Cuba and the USSR are still friends, and differences would be ironed out "in the light of reason and principle" since the important fact is "we are Marxist-Leninists."

d. He emphasized Cuba was not being disarmed inasmuch as all but the strategic weapons would remain. "Some time ago," he said, the USSR had cancelled Cuban arms debts.

e. Castro reiterated his five demands for assuring Cuba's security, stressing particularly the need to evacuate Guantanamo.

f. Interestingly, the chief of Cuba's Prensa Latina bureau at the UN says that Castro's demand for evacuation of Guantanamo was "for the historical record" only, and the real Cuban need is for normalization of economic relations with the US.

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i. [REDACTED] 50X1
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[REDACTED] attest to a continuing decline in Soviet and Cuban prestige among Latin American and pro-Castro groups as a result of the events of the past week.

j. [REDACTED] the mood of the Cuban people are agreed that pessimism and depression prevail.

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1. Through it all, we have noted only minor, scattered sabotage activity.

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3. Cuba--
bloc
shipping

a. We think the return of offensive weapons and support equipment to the USSR will require some twenty to twenty-five ships. Five to eight of these must have special hatches to accommodate the surface-to-surface missiles.

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4. Cuba -
Communist
China

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b. Support from the Chinese
may turn out to be more than hot
air.

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5. USSR

a. Another multiple missile launching involving a nuclear detonation

occurred yesterday.

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b. This is the third test in the past ten days of what we believe to be nuclear effects on elements of anti-missile systems.

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d. Two nuclear tests in the atmosphere were carried out yesterday; at Semipalatinsk, and the other at Novaya Zemlya.

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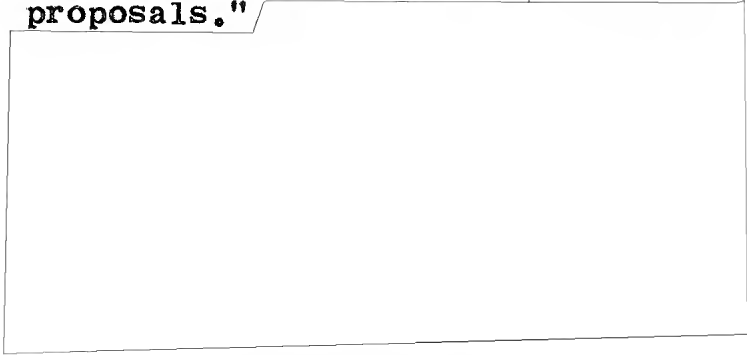
e. After three previous failures (one last week and two last year) the Soviets managed to eject a Mars probe into trajectory yesterday.

f. If successful, it will arrive next June in the vicinity of Mars, where, Moscow says, it is to take pictures of Mars' surface and relay them to earth.

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6. USSR

a. We now have firmer word that the forthcoming Soviet party plenum will examine "all means of improving the performance of industry, including the Liberman proposals."



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c. Presumably to prepare the way for this meeting, we have noted the publication late in September of a previously unknown draft of Lenin's Immediate Tasks of the Soviet Government.

d. The thesis of this work is that the USSR must use the experience of capitalist countries and adopt efficient production methods developed in the West.

e. These include greater autonomy for factories, piece-work incentives, employment of Western experts as consultants and managers, and the organization of labor on the basis of "scientific management principles."

7. Yemen

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c. Reports out of Cairo are that UAR Marshal Amer's trip to Yemen last week was occasioned by grumbling among Egyptian officers there over the mounting number of casualties to UAR troops.

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d. We have no good information on casualties yet, but fighting is getting hotter in the north.

8. West Germany

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9. Cambodia -
South Vietnam

a. New incidents along the Cambodia-South Vietnam border have brought the two countries to the edge of a break in relations.

b. Cambodia charges that two South Vietnamese planes strafed a Cambodian border village last week, killing several people. This incident prompted Cambodia's "second warning"--a reference to Sihanouk's statement in September that he would tolerate only two more South Vietnamese acts of aggression before breaking relations.

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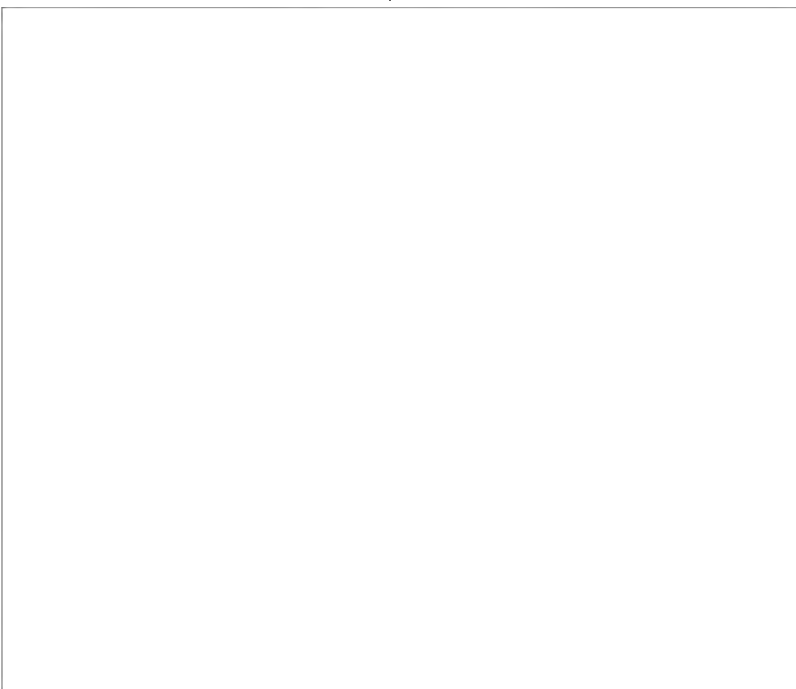
c. In a subsequent incident, two intruding Cambodian planes were fired on and chased back by South Vietnamese fighters.

d. These are the first air encounters in the long history of border trouble between the two countries.

e. They will make Sihanouk even more determined to obtain an international commitment to guarantee Cambodia's territorial integrity and neutrality.

10. Laos

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e. Phoumi [redacted] is pretty well convinced now that the Pathet Lao have no interest in the coalition government or a unified Laos. He feels they are only waiting for a pretext to enable them to blame himself or Souvanna for a breakup of the coalition.

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